

VOICE OF THE VINEYARD



"And now, O my son, ye are called of God to preach the word unto this people. And now, my son, go thy way, declare the word with truth and soberness, that thou mayest bring souls unto repentance, that the great plan of mercy may have claim upon them. And may God grant unto you even according to my words." Amen (Alma 42:31)

"TELL THEM TO GET ON THE BALL"



What a great message to the Salt Lake City Mission from a prophet of God. Over the years there have been many slogans given to the entire Church that started much the same as President Hinckley's statement to this mission to be delivered by his daughter Virginia Pearce. President Kimball made a similar statement to the Regional Representatives that became the watch cry of the Church. He told them it was time to "Lengthen your stride". Later, the imagery was enriched with "Quicken your pace" and "Extend your reach." Eventually all these were combined into a motto and byword of President Kimball, "Just do it."

Our watch cry now is to "Get on the ball". It reminds me of a story that has been told by several Church leaders including Milton R. Hunter. A golfer hit his ball down the fairway only to discover that it had landed on the top of a huge ant hill. He sized up the problem and squared himself with the ball and took a mighty swing but only managed to slice off one side of the ant hill but totally missed the ball. The golfer stepped a little closer to the ball and took another mighty swing with his club. This time he took off the far edge of the anthill. In desperation the golfer adjusted his position and made a third swing. This time he cut even more deeply into the home of the ants. By now all the ants were very excited, not knowing what the final result was going to be. The leader of the ants called the others together for a little council meeting and said: "Fellow ants, it is plain to see that if any of us want to be saved we had better 'Get on the ball'".

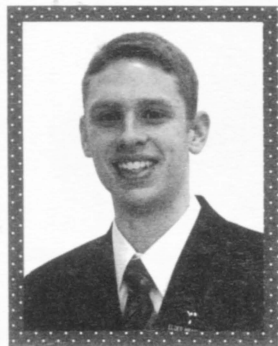
So it is with the Salt Lake City Mission. If we want to be saved, blessed, protected and accomplish our goals we had better "Get on the ball". Each morning recommit yourself to serve diligently. Every night before you retire make plans for the next day. Get on the ball, just do it, one day at a time. At first missions seem like they will never end, but the longer you have served, the faster the days go by. When the end is finally in sight, you start praying that the time will slow down. Unfortunately, it will not. The last six months are ten times faster than the first six months. You will not fully understand this until you experience it. The key is that now is the time to "Just do it" to "Get on the ball".

Now is the time to be obedient. "Get on the ball". Sometimes we rationalize that nobody keeps all the rules. Ask yourself if there are any rules that are impossible to keep. If there are, let me know and I will immediately excuse you from keeping that rule. Obedience is a matter of deciding you will just "Get on the ball" and "Do it" no excuses, no arguments, no rationalization, just plain obedience.

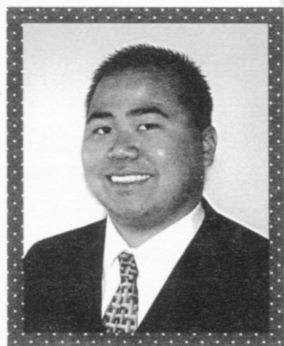
This is the greatest mission in the Church—with more potential, more blessings, more opportunities than any other mission in the world. Our problem is just we need to "Lengthen our stride," "Quicken our pace", "Extend our reach". Even more to the point, from a Prophet of God directly to us, just tell them to "Get on the ball". May we do so is my prayer for each of us.

Love, President Moeller

"Master Teacher"



ELDER BRAGHINI



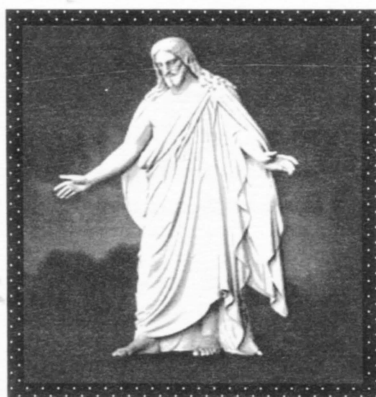
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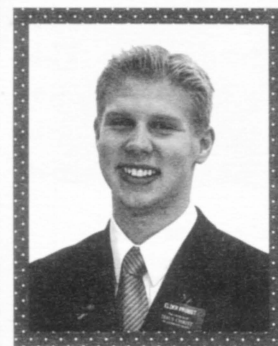
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Utah Salt Lake City Mission 2006



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SISTER DEVARD
ELDER GARDINER
ELDER GUERTIN
ELDER KENNINGTON
ELDER R. SMITH
ELDER THORNTON

SKILLED TEACHER

ELDER CHALK
ELDER CRUZ
ELDER DAVIS
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ELDER R. SMITH



Elders and Sisters: Just a few reminders regarding office protocol. There is a sign-up notebook on the corner of my desk that you are to sign whenever you come to the office. Unless you are a Zone Leader coming in for your weekly visit or have been invited by one of the staff, you must call the office and receive permission before you come. Also, many times there are papers and conversations that are confidential, and we ask that you not look at things that do not concern you. The office staff all love to see each and every one of you and visit with you—you inspire us and bring the Spirit with you, but unfortunately time spent in the office can detract from time spent fulfilling your mission call. Love, Sister Norton



May Baptisms:

	May
Granite.....	18
Helaman.....	18
Magna.....	10
Olympus.....	01
Pioneer.....	10
Temple.....	09
Tooele.....	10
West Valley.....	14
Wyoming.....	06

Mission Totals For:

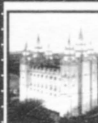
May	119
Apr	138



"Our First Master Finder"



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Reminder: The Salt Lake Temple will be **CLOSED** July 3rd - July 17th for cleaning.

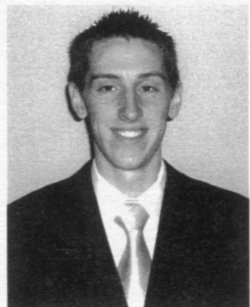
Welcome New Missionaries!

"Even before they were born, they, with many others, received their first lessons in the world of spirits and were prepared to come forth in the due time of the Lord to labor in his vineyard for the salvation of the souls of men".

D&C 138:56

* Spanish
** Tongan

INCOMING JUNE 21, 2006



Elder Nelson
Gresham,
Oregon

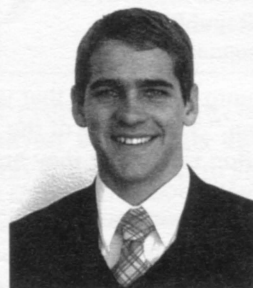


Sister Vaka
Independence,
Missouri *



Elder Latu
Ma'ufanga,
Tonga **

Transferred from the Argentina
Resistencia Mission



Elder Shane Thompson
California

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

29 June	Elder Mourelatos
05 July	Sister Sedore
06 July	Elder Flower
09 July	Elder Kubal
09 July	Elder R. Smith
17 July	Sister Laurence
21 July	Elder Tuikolovatu
24 July	Elder Villalobos
25 July	Elder Osborn
27 July	Elder Edwards
28 July	Elder Nava
31 July	Sister Davies
31 July	President Moeller
31 July	Elder Orr
01 Aug	Elder Fiske
09 Aug	Elder Isenhour

Assistants to the Presidents

Well, Elders and Sisters, yet another transfer has come and gone, and here we are, still engaged in this, the Lord's work. We have recently enjoyed hearing Sister Virginia Hinckley Pearce when she came to speak to our mission. Her counsel was to get over our fears and be courageous. She also gave us the prophetic counsel to "Get on the ball!" We believe that our mission has such great success because of our hard work through the persecution, diligence through the trials, and obedience to all the mission rules. Let's not forget our exceeding faith, which is involved in every bit of the success we have!

How can you exercise your faith?

- Have more meaningful prayers, pleading for it (visualize the Lord hearing your prayers, engaged in what you are saying to Him)
- You must work harder than you've ever worked before; work smarter than you've ever worked before.
- You must set goals, talk about them until they're ingrained in your mind, and then talk about them some more.
- Keep your minds and thoughts and conversations centered on the Lord, your investigators, and your companionship.
- A promise to all: If you will keep your conversations focused on the work, your faith will grow, and, as a result, you will achieve your goals!!!

Find yourself lost in this great cause. Plead with the Lord to help you think, say, and do everything you can to find, teach, and baptize. We love you! We appreciate you! And, of course, we respect all of you.

Love, The Assistants



"Vehicle Message from Elder Norton"



April's DVRs: We've already celebrated a record of all DVRs in on time and only one gas receipt missing. Again, thanks so very much!!

May's DVRs: Zero Defects (all DVRs on time with all receipts) for Magna Zone, Pioneer Zone and Temple Zone—congratulations!!! Granite, Helaman, Olympus, Tooele and West Valley — all DVRs on time but missing some receipts. Again, on time is to me by the 5th of the month. Let's make another run at equaling or bettering April—we can do it!

Conservation Starts Now!! At our Devotional Elder Haynie read a message from the Missionary Department titled: "Reducing Fuel Consumption in Mission Vehicles". Well, considering that fuel prices are "off-of-the-chart", the letter should come as no surprise. Unless we all take special care and adjust our driving habits the next letter will announce severe driving restrictions. It is critical that all of us practice the common sense actions listed in the letter: "When you have appointments and other activities in the same area, schedule them on the same day to reduce travel; Accelerate the vehicle slowly, and drive conservatively; Reduce travel on preparation days by arranging to do your laundry and shopping in the same area; never use mission vehicles for recreation; and, Where possible, use mass transit, ride bicycles, or walk". I have been directed to monitor mileage more carefully and will do so. Elders and Sisters, we are struggling to increase contacts, increase Sacrament Meeting attendance, increase Baptisms, get DVRs and receipts in on time, clean cars and apartments, and now I offer you one more challenge: **REDUCE YOUR VEHICLE USE!!** Accept this additional challenge and I know the Lord will bless our efforts!!!!

Love, Elder Norton



"The Be Attitudes" A state of utmost bliss)

Bathroom cleaning can be very deceiving. All that soap, water and steam in there gives you the illusion that it is self cleaning. Bad odors in bathrooms come from bacteria. A clean bathroom is bacteria free. Bathroom deodorizers are a waste of your precious fair share funds. Helpful hints:

- 1) Open windows to get good air circulation and prevent mildew
- 2) Take showers with the curtains inside the tub, so the floor and rug won't get soaked
- 3) Put the toothpaste cap back on after you use it. It takes exactly the same time to do it now as later — except by then it will have rolled down the drain or in the corner.
- 4) When flossing or brushing your teeth, hold your head down. The spatters will end up in the sink instead of on the mirror.
- 5) If you get something on the mirror, wipe it off now!
- 6) Wet a small piece of toilet paper to pick up hair, shaving residue or cockroach wings out of your sink.
- 7) When your bar of soap gets to be the size of a matchbook, wrap it in tissue and throw it away.

Our goal is to help you make your bathroom as clean as a five star hotel. Thanks for all you do. You are wonderful!

Love, Elder & Sister Bray



4th Weekly Sacramento Attendance Total 1,222 - Goal 2,000
Let's "Get on the Ball!"



Departing Missionaries



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What a blessing it is to work for the Lord in this couple of years. The best thing of these two years is the opportunity that the Lord gives us to serve in this Mission. We are able to see the tender mercies of the Lord, the opportunity to partake of His goodness and mercy. One Thing that I will never forget is a scripture in D&C 16:6 - "And now, behold, I say unto you, that the thing which will be of the most worth unto you will be to declare

repentance unto this people, that you may bring souls unto me, that you may rest with them in the kingdom of my Father. Amen." This is one of the most important things in this world. Now at the sunset of my mission, I see the new generation rising and they are really good!!! I'm grateful for my Heavenly Father and for this opportunity that He gave me, and I always will. God Lives; Jesus Is The Christ; Joseph was called from heaven, and God gave commandments to him; The Church has been restored. How beautiful is that, the heavens are open again!!! Keep it up; we need to double the Baptisms, Helaman 80, Ustedes saben. I'll love to see you all again. Office Staff you are all Amazing; to my true friends, I'll see you Later, you know who you are. Take Care, With Love.... Elder Odel Javier



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Well, these two years have come to an end. What a remarkable experience to be able to serve the Lord during this time in my life. The mission has been full of great experiences. I've learned a lot and met so many wonderful people. What a great privilege to serve in two countries! I'll never forget Venezuela, but I know that the Lord had things prepared for me here as well (see 2 Nephi 2:24). Thanks to all of you

missionaries who were great examples to me. I love you all. I'm so thankful for the converts that I was able to teach as well. What a great thing to witness! The true church of Jesus Christ has been restored. It is led and guided by God through a modern-day prophet, Gordon B. Hinckley. Joseph Smith was and is the prophet of the restoration. The Book of Mormon and the Bible are the word of God. We must all come unto Christ, the Holy One of Israel, or we cannot be saved. He really did atone for our sins and made His life a sacrifice for us. D&C 6:36

With love, Elder Rees

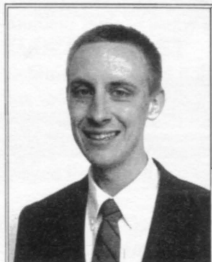


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Elders, Sisters, Friends, and my Brothers of the Utah Salt Lake City Mission...Wear sunscreen. If I could offer you only one tip for the future, sunscreen would be it. The long term benefits of sunscreen have been proved by scientists whereas the rest of my advice has no basis more reliable than my own meandering experience. If you really want to enjoy your mission then work. It's

not always easy to get out there and do it, but it's always worth it. Trust me I know. If you really want to enjoy your mission then be obedient. It's not always easy or convenient, but no one expects you to be perfect, just progressing. I have a testimony of obeying our Heavenly Father. If you really want to enjoy your mission then smile. It just makes you feel good. The Church is true guys. I know it. The Book of Mormon is true. I know it.

Joseph, yea, he was a prophet. I know it. Our Heavenly Father and Savior Jesus Christ live and love us so much. I know it. This is the greatest mission in the world and it's much too short to spend worrying and doubting; take it, don't leave it. And trust me on the sunscreen...Love, Elder Rosenberg



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A todos los chamos amigos míos, me despido de Uds. Me ha dado mucho gusto estar aquí con Uds. conocerles, trabajar juntos, y practicar el fútbol. Sea en Venezuela o Salt Lake City Utah, el evangelio necesita ser predicado, y he tenido experiencias grandes aquí, aunque extraño la malta y las arepitas de mi primer estado en la misión. And to all those English programmers, I respect you all. It's been

great being with you all and we have some good memories, but it's time for me to go home. In anycase, LONG LIVE THE TEMPLE ZONE! The best zone EVER. I love the mission, I know the church is true. Keep on working. Y Bueno, fíjense en la cuestión. Ya me fui, pues. Love, Elder Seare



Welcome New Counselor to the Presidency!



I am delighted to be called to serve in this new capacity. I will do all that I can to sustain and support President Moeller in his duties and responsibilities as President of the Utah Salt Lake City Mission. I look forward to meeting more of the missionaries and working with them to help to bring the blessings of the gospel into the lives of the wonderful people whom they meet and teach. I also look forward to assisting ward and stake leaders in their missionary efforts. My own life has been greatly blessed by missionary work. With this new assignment the blessings continue. I am very grateful and pledge my best efforts to the Lord and His servants.

Sincerely, RALPH L. DEWSNUP